

1. (Twice Amended) A system for restricting access to television programs comprising:

an input for accepting cursor movement and selection commands;

a display that depicts a two dimensional matrix composed of rows and columns of tiles, wherein either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to overall program ratings and either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to specific program content indications and depicts highlighting of individual tiles or groups of tiles based on the cursor movement commands; and

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means for blocking or allowing viewing of television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows and columns corresponding to the highlighted tiles when a selection command is entered into the input.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the overall program ratings comprise one or more of group of TV-Y, TV-Y7, TV-G, TV-PG, TV-14, TV-MA, G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17 and X.

3. (Amended) The system of claim 2 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy violence, BN, brief nudity, N, nudity, S, sexual content, AS, adult situations, D, and suggestive dialog.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the specific program content indication comprises one or more of the group of L, language, V, violence, MV, mild violence, FV, fantasy

violence, BN, brief nudity, N. nudity, S, sexual content, AS, adult situations, D, and suggestive dialog.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein the display depicts a main blocking menu which allows a user to block or enable viewing of programs globally, or to block or enable viewing of programs by Rating/content codes, Time, Channel, Time Allowance, pay-per-View dollar Allowance and by Grid Selection from an electronic television program schedule grid guide.

6. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the display depicts a menu including lists of users entered in a user database, and a combination of highlighted individual titles or group of titles of the matrix varying according to user.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein the overall program ratings are listed along a column of the matrix, each program rating having rows corresponding to one or more specific program content indications.

8. The system of claim 7 wherein a title corresponding to one of the overall program ratings is activated or deactivated to block or enable a particular program rating.

9. The system of claim 7 wherein a title corresponding to one of specific program content indications is activated or deactivated to block or enable a particular program content indication.

10. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the means for

blocking or allowing viewing comprises a circuitry connected between a television signal input and the display.

11. (Amended) A method of restricting access to television programs comprising:

inputting cursor movement and selection commands;

displaying a two dimensional matrix composed of rows and columns of tiles, wherein either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to overall program ratings and either the rows of tiles or the columns of tiles correspond to specific program content indications and depicts highlighting of individual tiles or groups of tiles based on the cursor movement commands; and

blocking or allowing viewing of television programs based on the overall program ratings and specific content ratings of the rows and columns corresponding the highlighted tiles when a selection command is entered into the input.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising activating or deactivating a title corresponding to one of the overall program ratings to block or enable a particular program rating.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising activating or deactivating a title corresponding to one of specific program content indications to block or enable a particular program content indication.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 11 are